

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Supporting certain health screening programs sponsored by the South Dakota Lions Foundation.

WHEREAS, the South Dakota Lions Foundation is a nonprofit organization that supports the charitable efforts of Lions clubs throughout South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, a primary goal of the South Dakota Lions Foundation is to create a permanent vehicle for the development and delivery of programs and services to the visually and hearing impaired; and

WHEREAS, the Lions Foundation is a partner to all ninety South Dakota Lions clubs and their communities in providing such services as matching assistance grants, over-the-ear hearing aids, diabetes support, eyeglass collection, and mobile screening units; and

WHEREAS, the Lions Foundation supports the Governor's reading program for blind and visually impaired children by creating incentive programs to promote achievement in reading; and

WHEREAS, the Lions Foundation is initiating a new project, Screening in a Better Way, as a new approach to providing early detection and prevention services to South Dakota citizens through community-based projects sponsored by local Lions clubs and the Foundation; and

WHEREAS, the Screening in a Better Way approach has the following goals: to hold an early detection project in every Lions club location annually, to connect those at risk with professional services, to identify those eligible for financial assistance, to encourage involvement in the work of Lions clubs, and to educate the public on good vision and hearing health; and

WHEREAS, the Screening in a Better Way program will provide a cost-effective tool to allow Lions clubs to leverage limited resources by partnering with local professionals and communities. The program will use a series of pilot projects in ten communities to analyze and refine the program for use in following years by all remaining South Dakota Lions clubs:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Eighty-fourth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the South Dakota Legislature applauds the efforts of the South Dakota Lions Foundation and South Dakota's Lions clubs and supports the Lions Foundation in the implementation of its Screening in a Better Way program.

Adopted by the Senate,
Concurred in by the House of Representatives,

February 24, 2009
March 2, 2009

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President of the Senate

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